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Sir:

Attached for filing in the above application is a response to the Office Action of July 15, 2003, including a request for a one-month extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of July 15, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

An Extension of Time for one month, which extends the time for replying to the outstanding Office Action from October 15, 2003, to November 15, 2003, is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Please charge Applicant's deposit account no. 19-0134 in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Applicant's deposit account no. 19-0134.